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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8, 11-13, 15, 18-22, 29-33, 35 and 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8, 11-13, 15, 18-22, 29-33, 35 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 2 – 8, 11 – 13, 15, 18 – 22, 29 – 33, 35 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walters et al. (US Patent Number 6,914,695 hereinafter “Walters”) in view of Baron (US Publication Number 2003/0196007).

3. As per claims 29, 33, 35 and 36, Walters teaches a medium, system, method and device comprising:

a peripheral device (digital camera, element 11, figure 2);

a wireless device comprising (IBM ThinkPad, element 10, figure 2) ;

a computer platform (element 10, figure 2 runs Windows OS, column 2, lines 27 – 32), said computer platform comprising:

a plurality of resident programs, each resident program respectively associated with a communication protocol (column 5, lines 18 – 21); and

an operating system (Windows, column 2, lines 27 – 32) for managing resources of said wireless devices and for controlling an interaction of the wireless device said peripheral device;

wherein

said peripheral device selectively communicates with said wireless device using a specific communication protocol (Bluetooth, column 5, lines 18 – 21), and

upon said peripheral device communicating with said wireless device, said operating system identifies (device ID, figure 8) a selected resident program associated with said specific communication protocol and links said selected resident program with said peripheral device (column 13, lines 6 – 9), and

said operating system identifies said selected resident program by:

attempting to identify said peripheral device (figure 3) and

an identified peripheral device to a corresponds to one of said resident programs (HTML interface, column 13, lines 13 – 52).

Although Walters has the Windows operating system that maps peripherals based upon communication protocols resident on the host device (see note below), Walters does not explicitly disclose *automatically* mapping the peripheral device.

Baron teaches a medium, system, method and device, wherein:

if a peripheral device is identified, automatically mapping from said identified peripheral device to a corresponding one of said resident programs (steps 100 – 106, figure 2, when a peripheral is connected the operating system analyzes the communication and loads a generic driver paragraph [0023]), or

if said peripheral is not identified, examining a communication protocol specified by said peripheral device to automatically map to a corresponding one of said resident programs (the communication protocol specified by the peripheral is the device

resident driver which is examined and transferred in order to map to the resident program, element 110, figure 2, paragraphs [0005 & 0024]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to modify Walters with the device resident drivers of Baron. One of ordinary skill would be motivated to make such modification in order to reduce engineering and manufacturing costs associated with providing a driver to a peripheral post manufacture (paragraph [0003]).

The Examiner notes previously cited Rathbone as extrinsic evidence to the protocol utilized by the Windows Operating System in the installation of a peripheral. The operating system first attempts to identify the peripheral and install it based upon driver/communication protocol already resident in the host device. If the protocol is not found further attempts and prompts are made to attain communication (operating system Windows XP detects cameras when first plugged in, page 296 "Scanners and cameras")

4. As per claims 2, 11, 18, and 30, Walters teaches a system, method, device, and medium wherein, the peripheral device communicates with the wireless device through a wired connection (cable connection, column 6, lines 32 – 43, USB Serial, column 2, lines 43 – 45).

The examiner cites two wired connectivity options taught by Walters.

5. As per claims 3, 12, and 19, Walters teaches a system, method, and device wherein, the peripheral device communicates with the wireless device through a wireless connection (Bluetooth, column 6, lines 32 – 47, infrared, column 2, lines 41 – 43).

The examiner cites two wireless connectivity options taught by Walters.

6. As per claims 4, 13, 20, and 31, Walters teaches a system, method, device, and medium wherein said attempting to identify comprises the peripheral device sending a class identifier (registered camera ID, column 8, lines 16 – 19) to the operating system of the wireless device and said successfully identified comprises the operating system determining the type of the peripheral device and selecting a resident program corresponding to a appropriate handler for that peripheral device based upon the class identifier (column 8, lines 11 – 51).

7. As per claims 5, 21, and 32, Walters teaches a system, device, and medium wherein said attempting to identify comprises the peripheral device sending a specific identifier (ID, column 8, lines 16 – 19) to the operating system of the wireless device and said successfully identified comprises the operating system determining the type of the peripheral device and selecting a resident program (column 8, lines 11 – 51)

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corresponding to an appropriate handler for that peripheral device based upon the specific identifier (column 8, lines 64 – 67, column 9, lines 1 – 23).

8. As per claims 6, 15, and 22, Walters teaches a system, method and device wherein the peripheral uses the wireless device as a communication portal to the Internet (column 11, lines 14 – 19).

9. As per claim 7, Walters teaches a system wherein, the peripheral device uses the wireless device as a communication portal over a telephone network (element 205, figure 4, column 9, lines 3 – 6).

10. As per claim 8, Walters teaches a system wherein, the peripheral device communicates with the computer platform of the wireless device through the communication portal of the computer platform (Bluetooth, column 5, lines 18 – 21).

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed 1/10/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant argues that none of the cited are teach examining and automatically mapping a peripheral device.

With regards to the Applicant's arguments the Examiner respectfully disagrees. The Applicant has pointed out that, "*Thus, all Baron does is the peripheral device is not automatically mapped to a resident program is search the device itself for existence of*

the program. Nothing in Baron teaches or suggests examining the communication protocol. There is simply a request form the operating system to the peripheral device for a copy of the driver.(page 3 of Applicant's remarks)"

The Examiner agrees that Baron's peripheral device contains a resident driver which was clearly sited as providing a communication protocol to allow for connectivity between the wireless device and the peripheral. A device driver is examined in order for functionality and contains communication connectivity protocol therein which is supported by the Applicants specification paragraphs 10 and 19 wherein the Applicant states drivers are utilized for initiating communication protocol. Clearly one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that a device driver contains communication protocol and needs to be examined in order to function and allow connectivity to the peripheral in which the driver lies therein.

Therefore Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

Conclusion

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AURANGZEB HASSAN whose telephone number is (571)272-8625. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on (571)272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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